

HABITAT RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT

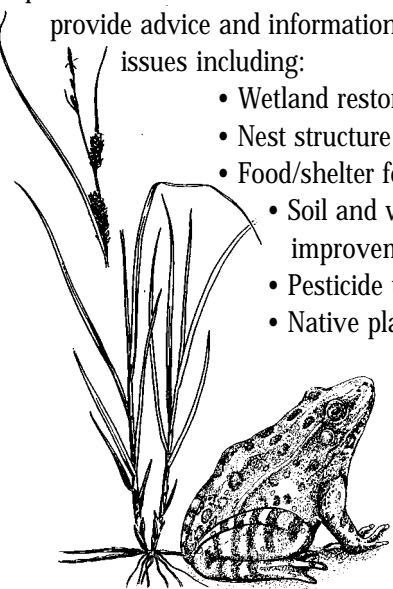
IF YOUR PROPERTY CONTAINS degraded habitat that can be improved for wildlife, we can help you plan and design an ecological community and financial assistance may be available. On the ground, we can help move dirt, establish vegetation, reseed upland areas to native vegetation, and much more.

If you want to manage a portion of your property for wildlife, but don't know where to begin, we can work with you to help protect your riparian corridors through fencing and planting, build small "beaver-dam" type structures for restoring moisture to surrounding soils, plant native vegetation for sediment stabilization and restore the area to an ecological community with original habitat functions and values.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

IF YOU NEED HELP solving a land management problem, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can provide advice and information on a variety of issues including:

- Wetland restoration
- Nest structure or nesting islands
- Food/shelter for fish and wildlife
- Soil and water quality improvement
- Pesticide use reduction
- Native plant restoration
- Education and outreach



HOW DO I BECOME A PARTNER?

INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNERS can become involved by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A biologist will discuss your needs, the opportunities available to you, and assist you in any way possible. If your project meets certain criteria, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can share the costs.

Other opportunities for involvement include:

- Private individuals: donate land or services that provide habitat.
- Conservation organizations: provide funding, equipment, or services.
- Local communities: establish trusts or foundations that provide grants or donations.
- State Fish and Game agencies: form partnerships that benefit state or private lands, or provide matching funds.
- Corporations and businesses: contribute to projects that reflect your products or philosophies.
- Sportsman's clubs or civic groups: donate time or supplies or conduct fund raising activities
- Anyone: join local or national conservation organizations or volunteer services to a Partners for Fish and Wildlife project.

If we can't help you, we will try to find someone who can! To participate in the Partners program, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office that works with your ecoregion.

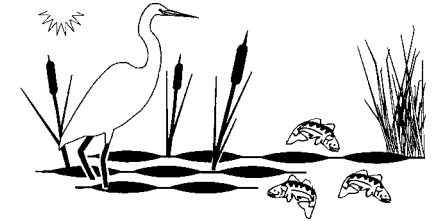
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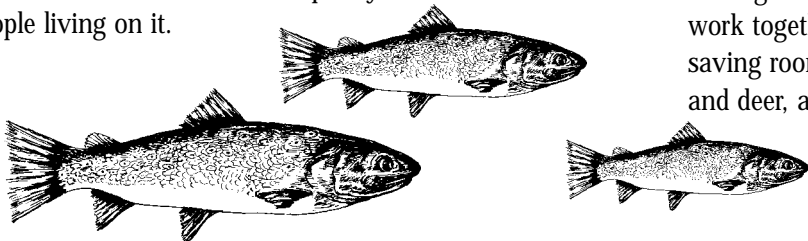


WHAT WOULD OUR LIVES BE without the pleasing melody of a meadowlark on a cool summer morning, the long, trailing v's of migrating geese in a fall sky, the chorus of frogs on a warm spring evening, or the sight of a deer fawn in a field of flowers? It would be an empty, desolate world without these joys of nature — a world we can prevent by being wise stewards of the land. The *Partners for Fish and Wildlife* program is one way we can all work together to ensure the future of fish and wildlife.

WHAT IS PARTNERS FOR FISH & WILDLIFE?

THE PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM restores and protects fish and wildlife habitat on private lands through alliances between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, other organizations, and individuals, while leaving the land in private ownership.

About one third of Idaho and eastern Oregon's land is privately owned and contains some of the most important fish and wildlife habitat in the region. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program can protect fish and wildlife habitat and contribute to the health of the land and the quality of life of the people living on it.



WHO ARE THE PARTNERS?

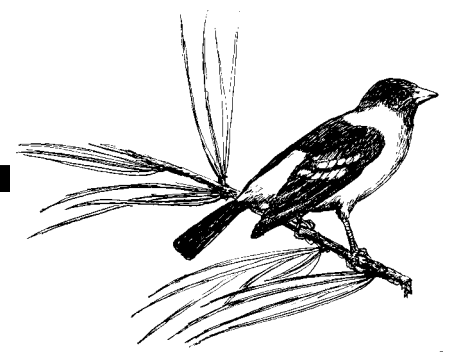
ANYONE CAN BE A PARTNER: farmers, ranchers, city dwellers, local agencies, private organizations, corporations, government agencies, educational institutions — anyone interested in restoring wildlife habitat on private lands.

WHY IS PARTNERS FOR FISH & WILDLIFE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

OVER THREE-QUARTERS OF THE WETLANDS remaining in Idaho and eastern Oregon are privately owned. Wetlands are vital to both wildlife and people. Millions of birds, mammals, and other animals depend on wetlands for food and shelter. Fish and shellfish depend on wetlands for food, spawning, and nursery areas. Nearly one-third of America's endangered and threatened plants and animals need wetlands for survival.

Wetlands benefit people by recharging ground water supplies, filtering pollutants, providing irrigation water, and reducing the destructive effects of storm water.

Many other vital fish and wildlife habitats are also under private ownership and are important to the future of our fish and wildlife resources. Through Partners for Fish and Wildlife, we can work together to protect fish and wildlife habitat, saving room for the meadowlarks, geese, frogs and deer, as well as providing for our enjoyment.



WHAT CAN PARTNERS FOR FISH & WILDLIFE DO FOR YOU?

THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE in the Snake River Basin, in partnership with private landowners, state agencies, and private organizations, has protected and restored thousands of acres of wetland and riparian habitat for ducks, geese, and other wildlife.

In partnership with you, the landowner, Partners for Fish and Wildlife can increase fish and wildlife populations on private lands through habitat restoration and management programs that will blend wildlife conservation with profitable land use. The final result will be a wise and lasting land use ethic benefiting people and wildlife, now and for the future.

